



## *Report to the Auburn City Council*

Action Item

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Agenda Item No.

City Manager Approval

**To:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** Bernie Schroeder, Engineering Division Manager *BS*  
**By:** Carie Huff, Associate Engineer *CH*  
**Date:** June 14, 2010  
**Subject:** Rule 20B – Underground Utility District 2010A

### *The Issue*

Shall the City of Auburn hold a Public Hearing regarding the formation of an Underground Utility District 2010A?

### *Conclusion and Recommendation*

Staff recommends the following action:

1. By **MOTION**, hold a Public Hearing regarding the formation of the Underground Utility District 2010A.
2. By **RESOLUTION**, designate the City of Auburn Underground Utility District 2010A along Lincoln Way as shown on Exhibit A.

### *Background*

On March 8, 2010, the Auburn Urban Development Authority authorized Foothills Associates to prepare construction documents for Phase II of the Streetscape Project. Streetscape Phase II will include sidewalk, curb and gutter, drainage improvements, landscaping, and parking reconfiguration. Since Lincoln Way has been determined to be used extensively by the general public and carries a heavy volume of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, Streetscape Phase II will be constructed under Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Rule 20B.

During the undergrounding of Streetscape Phase I, all of the City's Rule 20A funds were exhausted, including anticipated funds for the next five years. As such, the City is required to pursue Phase II of the Streetscape Project under PG&E's Rule 20B. Under Rule 20B, the City of Auburn will be financially responsible for the installation of conduit, substructures, boxes and installation of the underground electric system, less a credit for an equivalent overhead system. AT&T and Wave Broadband are utilities that will also be affected by the undergrounding of the existing overhead

system. In order to begin the engineering process, the City must create an Underground Utility District 2010A. The Underground Utility District 2010A encompasses Lincoln Way from Oakwood Drive to the City of Auburn Parking Lot adjacent to Big-O Tires (see Exhibit A). The underground utility system will replace all the existing aerial cables and poles. The complete removal of the existing overhead utilities will improve the safety and aesthetics along Lincoln Way. Property owners within the boundary of the underground utility district will be required to replace their existing utility connections with connections to the new underground system which will be included in the overall construction budget.

All the affected utilities have been informed of the Underground Utility District formation and involved in the process of the Streetscape Phase II. The property owners that will be affected have been notified of the public hearing scheduled for June 14, 2010.

*Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives*

1. Adopt the staff recommendation
2. Amend staff recommendation
3. Do not take action

*Fiscal Impact*

The City of Auburn will be responsible for the construction and design costs associated with the Rule 20B program, which are currently undetermined. PG&E requires a \$25,000 deposit to begin design work on the underground infrastructure which will be requested at the June 28<sup>th</sup> Auburn Urban Development Authority meeting. The existing budget for Streetscape Phase II is \$1,000,000 and \$197,118 has been obligated for design.

*Attachments:*

*Property Owner Notice for Public Hearing*  
*Exhibit A*  
*Resolution*



## **CITY OF AUBURN**

**Public Works Department**

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### **City Council of the City of Auburn Notice of Public Hearing**

**Designation of City of Auburn Underground Utility District No. 2010A  
(Lincoln Way)**

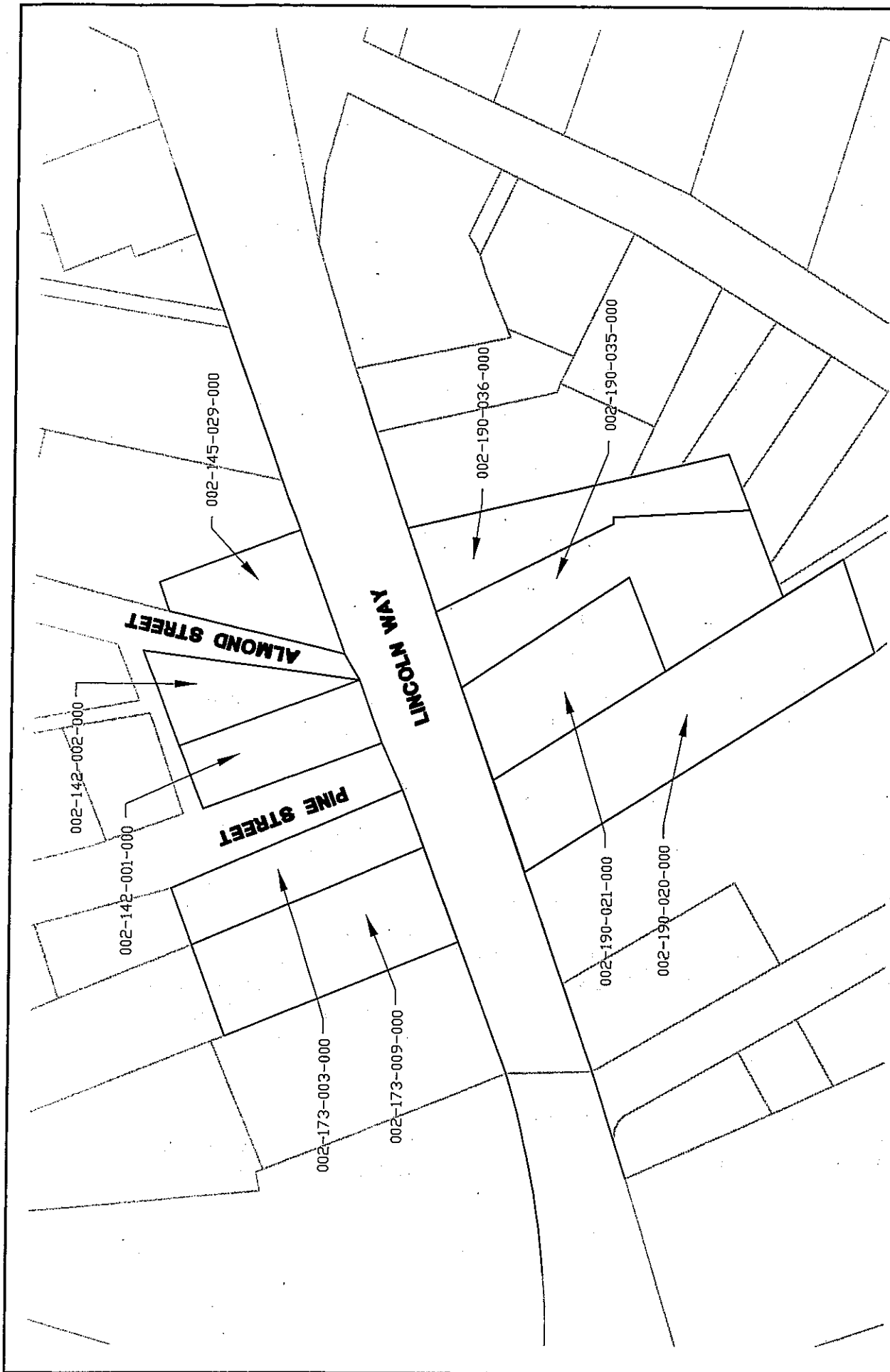
**June 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
1225 Lincoln Way  
Auburn CA 95603**

Notice is hereby given that on June 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn CA 95603, the City Council of the City of Auburn will hold a public hearing to ascertain whether the public necessity, health, safety or welfare requires the removal of poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication or similar or associated services within proposed City of Auburn Underground Utility District No. 2010A.

The boundaries of the proposed Underground Utility District are shown on the attached map, and you are receiving this notice because either (i) you are the record owner of property within the District or (ii) you are a utility serving the proposed District.

Following the hearing, the City Council may adopt a Resolution that designates the District and orders the removal of poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication or similar or associated services within the District subject to the exemptions set forth in Sections 160.099 and 160.100 of the Municipal Code. Such an order would require affected utility customers to replace their existing utility connections with connections to a new underground system.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bernie Schroeder at 530-823-4211 extension 144. For your reference, a copy of Sections 160.095 through 160.105 of the Auburn Municipal Code, governing underground utility districts, is enclosed.



## AUBURN UDA UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING DISTRICT PHASE 2

**FOOTHILL ASSOCIATES**  
 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING • PLANNING • LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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EXHIBIT A

AUBURN URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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RESOLUTION NO. 10-  
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, CALIFORNIA,  
DESIGNATING CITY OF AUBURN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 2010A  
ALONG LINCOLN WAY AND ORDERING REMOVAL AND UNDERGROUND  
INSTALLATION OF UTILITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

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WHEREAS, Section 160.097 of the Auburn Municipal Code authorizes the City  
Council to designate Underground Utility Districts within which within which  
poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures are prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to designate as an Underground Utility  
District the sections of Lincoln Way (and adjacent parcels) shown on Exhibit A  
to this Resolution, which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to designate such Underground Utility District as  
"City of Auburn Underground Utility District No. 2010A" (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2010, the City Council held a full and fair public  
hearing pursuant to Section 160.096 of the Auburn Municipal Code to  
ascertain whether the public necessity, health, safety or welfare requires the  
removal of poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures and the  
underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric,  
communication or similar or associated services within the District; and

WHEREAS, at the hearing, all interested persons had an opportunity to be  
heard; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to take the legislative action  
necessary to designate the District.

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2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
3 OF AUBURN, CALIFORNIA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:  
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5 Section 1. Each of the above recitals is true and correct in all respects.  
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7 Section 2. The City Council determines that the public necessity, health,  
8 safety or welfare requires the removal of poles, overhead wires and  
9 associated overhead structures and the underground installation of wires and  
10 facilities for supplying electric, communication or similar or associated  
11 services within the District.  
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13 Section 3. The District is designated an Underground Utility District pursuant  
14 to Section 160.097 of the Municipal Code and the City Council orders the  
15 removal of poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures and the  
16 underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric,  
17 communication or similar or associated services within the District subject to  
18 the exemptions set forth in Sections 160.099 and 160.100 of the Municipal  
19 Code.  
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21 Section 4. January 1, 2012 is fixed as the date by which the removal and  
22 underground installation shall be accomplished and within which affected  
23 property owners shall be ready to receive underground services.  
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25 Section 5. This Resolution, along with Ordinance No. 567, which adopted  
26 Sections 160.095 through 160.105 of the Municipal Code: (1) requires that  
27 all existing overhead communication and electric distribution facilities in the  
28 District shall be removed, (2) requires that each property served from such  
electric overhead facilities shall have installed in accordance with the Utility's

1 rules for underground service, all electrical facility changes on the premises  
2 necessary to receive service from the underground facilities of the Utility as  
3 soon as it is available, and (3) authorizes PG&E to discontinue its overhead  
4 service.

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6 Section 6. The City Clerk is directed to give notice of the adoption of this  
7 resolution to all affected utilities and property owners pursuant to Section  
8 160.101 of the Municipal Code.

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10 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010

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13 Bridget Powers, Mayor

14 ATTEST:

15 Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

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17 I, Joseph Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify that the  
18 foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City Council  
19 of the City of Auburn held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010 by the following vote  
20 on roll call:

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22 Ayes:

23 Noes:

24 Absent:

25 Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

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